Central Road Fund

1508. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of Central Road Fund earmarked in the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the manner in which this fund was distributed to the Staes in corresponding years; and

(c) whether Government have received any request from Government of Maharashra regarding Central Road Fund; if so, the response of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Amount earmarked for allotment to various State Govt. from Central Road Fund during the last three years are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount
1988-89	700.00
1989-90	900.00
1990-91	900.00

(b) The Funds under Central Road Fund are released to State Govts. after taking into account the total cost of schemes approved in the State, total funds released previously, *inter-se* priority of works on an all-India basis. requirements projected by various States and the availability of funds. Based on above criteria, the funds released to the State Governments in the above mentioned years are shown in the Statement attached.

(c) New Resolution about the Central Road Fund was adopted by the Parliament in May, 1988. However, actual augmentation of the Fund is yet to take place. The State Govt. of Maharashtra has submitted 801 proposals estimated to cost Rs. 359.82 crores for sanction. Since the Fund is not yet augmented none of these schemes has been approved so far.

Meanwhile, the following releases have been made to the State Government in last three years for incurring expenditure on approved works.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Requirement projected	Amount released
1988-89	135.71	64.05
1989-90	139.94	19.01
1990-91	93.22	4.50

Statement

Funds released to various state Govts. out of Central Road Fund

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Amount released during		
		1988-89	1980-90	1990-91
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	7.39	4.49	5.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
3	Assam	25.00	31.25	—
4	Bihar	12.00	—	—

1	2	3	4	5
5	Goa	—	—	—
6	Gujarat	229.23	100.00	150.00
7	Haryana	15.10	15.00	50.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	6.00	6.00	9.81
9	Jammu & Kashmir	1.77	10.00	—
10	Karnataka	78.00	6.024	7.00
11	Kerala	10.06	135.016	150.00
12.	Madhya Pradesh	45.40	30.00	50.00
13	Maharashtra	64.05	19.01	4.50
14.	Manipur	10.00	5.00	10.50
15	Meghalaya	—	—	—
16	Mizoram	—	—	—
17	Nagaland	6.00	1.96	1.19
18	Orissa	—	—	—
19	Punjab	—	—	—
20	Rajasthan	15 00	161.00	207.00
21	Sikkim	—	—	—
22	Tamil Nadu	15.00	10.00	—
23	Tripura	—	—	—
24	Uttar Pradesh	160.00	315.00	250.00
25	West Bengal	—	50.00	5.00
	TOTAL	700.00	900.00	900.00

Declaring State Roads as National Highways

1509. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for declaring State Roads as National Highways; and

(b) the details of the proposals of Government of Maharashtra to declare State Roads as National Highways and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The criteria for selection of new National Highways include *inter-alia*.

(i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) roads connecting adjacent countries;

(iii) roads connecting State Capitals;